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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION DOES NOT WANT USG MEDIATION INCURRENT CRISIS

- 1. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF OPPOSITION DAILY LA PRENSA XAVIER CHAMORRO CALLED ON AMBASSADOR EARLY THIS MORNING (AUG 31). HE BROUGHT WITH HIM AN AP PRESS REPORT BY ROBERT B. CULLEN WHICH STATED THAT USG IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING ITS SERVICES AS A MEDIATOR IN THE CURRENT CRISIS, ACCORDING TO FUNCTIONARIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT SOURCES SAY THAT THIS POSSIBLE MEDIATING ROLE IS ONLY ONE OF VARIOUS IDEAS THAT ARE BEING STUDIED IN WASHINGTON.
- 2. CHAMORRO, WHO SAID HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE OPPOSITION, SAID THAT THEY DID NOT WANT THE USG TO ENGAGE IN MEDIATION IF IT MEANT THAT SOMOZA WOULD REMAIN IN POWER UNTIL 1981. THE OPPOSITION BELIEVES THAT SOMOZA MUST GO NOW. CHAMORRO EXPRESSED GREAT FEAR THAT CIVIL WAR WOULD DEVELOP IN NICARAGUA. CHAMORRO SAID HE HAD NO RECENT REPORTS ON THE MATAGALPA SITUATION BUT A LA PRENSA REPORTER CONFIDENTIAL

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ON THE SCENE YESTERDAY HAD REPORTED MANY KILLINGS AND EXCHANGES OF GUNFIRE.

3. AMB PROMISED CHAMORRO THAT HE WOULD REPORT CONVERSATION IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON. SOLAUN

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